

# JOINT STOCK COMPANY LATVIJAS BALZAMS CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR YEAR 2021

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#### I PREPARATION OF THE STATEMENT

#### **LEGAL BASIS**

The Corporate Governance Statement for 2021 (hereinafter referred to as - the Report) of the joint stock company Latvijas balzams (hereinafter referred to as - the Company or LB) is prepared upon fulfilling the requirements of Section 56.2 of <a href="Financial Instrument Market Law">Financial Instrument Market Law</a> and on the basis of the Corporate Governance Code, issued by the Advisory Corporate Governance Council of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia, developed in 2020. The Corporate Governance Code is available on the website of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia <a href="www.tm.gov.lv">www.tm.gov.lv</a>.

The Report on 2021 is prepared by the Management Board of the joint stock company Latvijas balzams (hereinafter referred to as - the Board). The Statement is submitted to Nasdaq Riga together with the audited Annual Report for 2021, as well as is submitted on the website of the Company <a href="https://www.lb.lv">www.lb.lv</a> in sub-section 'Corporate Governance' along with other reports.

#### **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Constant growth and financial indicators of JSC Latvijas balzams confirm that its corporate governance is effective and achieves the targets proposed. The Management Board of the JSC Latvijas balzams has assessed the compliance of the capital company with the principles set forth in the Corporate Governance Code. Having assessed the governance system of the joint stock company as well as adherence of principles in 2021, the Management Board considers that in 2021 the JSC Latvijas balzams has complied with the majority of the principles of corporate governance, as well as explains the reasons in the case if any of the principles is not complied with or is complied with partially.

Corporate Governance Statement of the JSC Latvijas balzams for 2021 has been approved by the Management Board in Riga, on 28 April 2022.

The Management Board of the JSC Latvijas balzams

Intars Geidāns Chairman of the Management Board Member of the Management Board

#### II PRINCIPLES OF GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### STRATEGY OF THE COMPANY

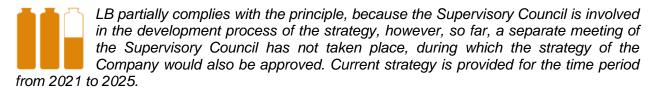
Strategy of the Company is a significant tool by which targets of the company as well as progress to long-term success and value increase is determined.

#### **Principle No.1**

The Company has established current strategy, determining corporate targets and progress to the long-term value increase.

#### Criteria:

- 1.1. The company has current strategy, the draft of which is developed by the Board.
- 1.2. The Supervisory Council is involved in the development process of the strategy and approves the strategy during the meeting of the Supervisory Council.
- 1.3. The Supervisory Council monitors the implementation of the strategy.
- 1.4. The Management Board of the Company implements the strategy and regularly reports to the Supervisory Council on the course of implementation thereof.



#### INTERNAL CULTURE AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

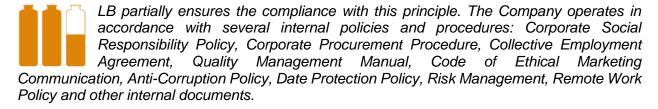
The core principles of the internal culture and ethical conduct of the Company and values that they are based on are preconditions for successful long-term development of the Company.

#### **Principle No.2**

The Company develops the Code of Internal Culture and Ethical Conduct, which shall serve as a standard of conduct for management and employees of the Company.

#### Criteria:

- 2.1. The Supervisory Council defines core values of the Company.
- 2.2. The Code of Internal Culture and Ethical Conduct is prepared by the Management Board and approved by the Supervisory Council.
- 2.3. The Management Board ensures compliance with the Code of Internal Culture and Ethical Conduct during daily activities of the Company and responds in case of establishment of a violation of the Code of Ethical Conduct.



The Company has defined its mission, vision and basic values. The mission of LB is: "Deliver excellence whatever we do!". Vision of LB is "The leader in beverages producer and exporter in Baltic States with well-recognized brands and the most professional team". Core values of LB are: Tenacity, Entrepreneurship, Fun, Excellence, Speed, Teamwork.

#### INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM, RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT

The purpose of the internal control system is to provide effective, sustainable and successful operation of the company, truth and compliance of the provided information with the relevant regulatory enactments and principles of operation.

The purpose of the risk management is to identify, assess, manage and control potential events or situations, in order to ensure assurance on the achievement of the strategical targets of the company.

The internal audit helps the company to achieve its objectives, implementing systematic processes, in order to assess and improve the efficiency of risk management, internal control and governance processes.

#### **Principle No.3**

The Company has internal control system, the efficiency of which is supervised by the Supervisory Council.

#### Criteria:

- 3.1. The Company has documented internal control system, the establishment of which is under the responsibility of the Management Board.
- 3.2. The internal audit conducts the efficiency assessment of the internal control system at least once per year, considering the pre-defined criteria, and reports the results of the assessment to the Supervisory Council.
- 3.3. The Supervisory Council evaluates the assessment provided on the efficiency of the internal control system at least once a year.

LB complies with this principle. The internal control processes of the Company are determined by several internal documents, including Quality Management Manual, Production Self-Control System in accordance with the HACCP principles, Financial Management Manual and other; as well as the Company adheres to the control mechanisms and processes determined by the Amber Beverage Group.

#### **Principle No.4**

The Company identifies, assesses and supervises the risks related to its operation.

#### Criteria:

- 4.1. The Risk Management Policy of the Company is developed by the Management Board and approved by the Supervisory Council.
- 4.2. On the basis of the assessment of identified risks, the Management Board implements the risk management measures.
- 4.3. At least once a year the Supervisory Council reviews the management reports on risk management measures and implementation of the risk management policy.



LB complies with this principle. Jointly working with the Supervisory Council of LB, the Company has developed the Risk Management Policy that is used by the Company in order to implement risk management measures.

The Company has established an internal audit company department, which is independently and objectively assessing the activities of the Company.

#### Criteria:

- 5.1. The Company has an internal auditor, who is functionally independent from the Management Board and reports to the Supervisory Council.
- The internal auditor is appointed by the Supervisory Council. 5.2.
- 5.3. The internal auditor develops an internal audit plan based on risks, which is approved by the Supervisory Council.
- 5.4. The internal auditor informs the Management Board and the Supervisory Council on the fulfilment of the internal audit plan, audit results and recommended activities for elimination of shortages, if any are established.



LB fails to comply with this principle, however, an independent Audit Committee, elected by the Meeting of Shareholders, is operating in the Company. There are three members of the Audit Committee during the reporting period: Anita Zīle, Rolands Gulbis and Jelena Skobeleva.

#### **EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The external auditor provides an independent report on the financial position of the Company, credibility and compliance of financial statements with requirements of regulatory enactments to the Management Board and Supervisory Council, all shareholders and investors, creditors and other stakeholders.

#### **Principle No.6**

The Company has an independent external auditor.

#### Criteria:

- The Supervisory Council and Audit Committee, if any is established, determine the criteria 6.1. for selection of the external auditor.
- 6.2. The Company has an independent external auditor with the relevant qualification.
- 6.3. Period of authority of one external auditor does not exceed 5 years.



LB partially complies with this principle. The Meeting of Shareholders has approved an independent external auditor with the relevant qualification - SIA PricewaterhouseCoopers, which is one of the leading auditor companies in Latvia and provides involvement of an independent sworn auditor in accordance with the procedure provided by regulatory enactments.

#### **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD**

Competent and experienced Supervisory Council is a pre-condition for efficient operation of the Company and decision making, facilitating the long-term value increase of the Company The Supervisory Council works in the interests of all shareholders and the Company.

#### **Principle No.7**

The Company ensures transparent procedure for election and revocation of members of the Supervisory Council.

#### Criteria:

- 7.1. The Company has approved the procedure for selection and revocation of members of the Supervisory Council.
- 7.2. The Company provides timely and sufficient information to shareholders of the Company on members of the Supervisory Council, who are proposed for election or re-election.
- 7.3. The size of the Supervisory Council corresponds to work specifics of the Company.
- 7.4. A member of the Supervisory Council is elected for a time period not longer than 5 years.

LB complies with this principle. Candidates of members of the Supervisory Council are selected on the basis of the professionalism and competence criteria. Members of the Supervisory Council are appointed and revoked by the Meeting of Shareholders. On 30 September 2021 the Company revoked Petr Aven, Rolands Gulbis, Valizhan Abidov, Jānis Buks and Velga Celmiṇa as members of the Supervisory Council. During the Meeting of Shareholders the following persons were elected as members of the Supervisory Council for the next five years, determining 30 September 2021 as the start date of authority of the Supervisory Council: Rolands Gulbis, Valizhan Abidov, Velga Celmiṇa, Guntars Reidzāns, Boriss Ņešatajevs.

## Principle No.8 Members of the Supervisory Council has relevant experience and competence.

#### Criteria:

- 8.1. The Supervisory Council in general has the set of skills, experience and knowledge, including about the relevant field, in order to be able to fully perform their duties.
- 8.2. When establishing the composition of the Supervisory Council, the principles of diversity are obeyed.
- 8.3. Both genders are represented in the Supervisory Council.
- 8.4. The Management Board develops the introductory training programme and provides introductory trainings to the new members of the Supervisory Council.

LB partially ensures the compliance with this principle. Principles of diversity are complied, which is proved by experience of members of the Supervisory Council in different fields; all members of the Supervisory Council are the professionals of the highest level. More detailed information on members of the Supervisory Council is available in the website of the Company, in the section 'For Investors'. Both genders are represented in the Supervisory Council. An introductory session with the commercial activity of the Company, the most important risks and their restrictive control mechanisms, which are not formalized in a separate training programme document, is organized for the new members of the Supervisory Council upon commencement of operation in the composition of the Supervisory Council.

## The Supervisory Council of the Company has independent members of the Supervisory Council.

#### Criteria:

- 9.1. The Company assesses and shareholders determine the proportion of independent members of the Supervisory Council.
- 9.2. At least half of members of the Supervisory Council are independent.
- 9.3. Candidates for independent members of the Supervisory Council submit a certificate on the compliance with the criteria of independence.
- 9.4. Before elections of the Supervisory Council the Company performs independence assessment of the members of the Supervisory Council in accordance with the available information.

LB complies with this principle. Four independent members operate in the Supervisory Council of the Company during the reporting period. Members of the Supervisory Council have confirmed their compliance with the independence criterion. CVs of candidates of the members of the Supervisory Council were published before the Meeting of Shareholders of LB and are available in the website of the Company.

## PRINCIPLE FOR DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION OF THE SUPERVISORY COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD

Clearly defined principles for remuneration of members of the Supervisory Council and Members of the Board promote transparency of use of funds and effective risk management.

## Principle No. 10 Remuneration policy is introduced in the Company.

#### Criteria:

- 10.1. The Company has introduced the remuneration policy, which is developed by the Management Board, reviewed by the Supervisory Board and approved by the Meeting of Shareholders.
- 10.2. Once a year the Supervisory Council determines the financial and non-financial targets to be achieved by the Management Board, their impact on the variable part of the remuneration and control their fulfilment.
- 10.3. Variable part of the remuneration is not determined as well as no compensation is paid to members of the Supervisory Council in case of revocation from the office or discharge from the office.
- 10.4. Once a year the report on remuneration granted to each current and former member of the Management Board and Supervisory Council is prepared.

LB fully complies with this principle. The Company has introduced the remuneration policy reviewed by the Supervisory Council and approved by the Meeting of Shareholders. Remuneration for performance of the duties of the member of the Management Board is determined under the decision of the Supervisory Council. Once a year a report of Remuneration is prepared.

#### WORK ORGANIZATION AND DECISION MAKING OF THE SUPERVISORY COUNCIL

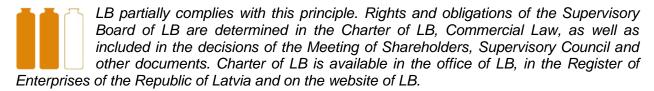
Certain and comprehensive work organization of the Supervisory Council and availability of timely, high-quality and relevant information facilitate effective fulfilment of tasks of the Supervisory Council and full involvement of members of the Supervisory Council in decision-making.

#### Principle No.11

The Company has certain and understandable work organization of the Supervisory Council.

#### Criteria:

- 11.1. The Supervisory Council organizes its work in accordance with the Regulation and work calendar of the Supervisory Council.
- 11.2. The Supervisory Council holds at least one separate meeting of the Supervisory Council during a year for discussion of the strategy of the Company and fulfilment thereof.
- 11.3. The budget of the Company provides for funding necessary for provision of operation of the Supervisory Council.
- 11.4. Once a year the Supervisory Council conducts self-assessment of work of the Supervisory Council and its results are reviewed during the meeting of the Supervisory Council.
- 11.5. The Supervisory Council has assessed the need to establish committees (if a committee is established, see the principle #12.1).



In 2021 the Supervisory Council of LB regularly contacted with the Management Board in order to discuss the most important issues related to the operation and development strategy, business activities and risk management of LB. Due to Covid-19 pandemics, the electronic communication means were used in case of need for performance of functions of the Supervisory Council.

## Principle No.12 Supervisory Council adopts well informed and considered decisions.

#### Criteria:

- 12.1. Information prepared by the Management Board for decision-making is available to the Supervisory Council in a timely manner and sufficient amount.
- 12.2. The Supervisory Council determines the procedure for information circulation, as well as the rights of the Supervisory Council to request the information from the Management Board, which is required for the Supervisory Council for decision-making.
- 12.3. A member of the Supervisory Council analyses information and prepares recommendations for decision making by the Supervisory Council.
- 12.4. When making decisions, the Supervisory Council assesses risks, short-term and long-term impact on the value, sustainability and responsible development of the Company.



LB complies with this principle. All necessary information for operation of the Supervisory Council is prepared in a timely manner. Information includes both, summary of the current situation as well as estimate on how the particular issue could affect the operation of the Company.

#### Principle No.12.1

The Committee prepares recommendations for decision making by the Supervisory Council.

#### Criteria:

- 12.1.1. The Supervisory Council determines the tasks and procedure for organization of the operation of the Committee.
- 12.1.2. The Supervisory Council establishes a Committee composed of at least 3 members of the Supervisory Council with the relevant experience and knowledge in the certain area of operation of the Committee (remuneration, nomination, audit or any other area).
- 12.1.3. The Committee analyses information and prepares recommendations for decision making by the Supervisory Council, as well as informs the Supervisory Council on the work of the Committee.



LB fails to comply with this criteria. Supervisory Council of LB consists of five members of the Supervisory Council and, having assessed the necessity for establishment of commissions, it was concluded that such number of people is optimum, without establishing separate committees for the Supervisory Council.

#### PREVENTION OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Gathering information and management of possible situations of conflict of interest reduces the financial and reputation risks of the Company.

#### **Principle No.13**

Members of the Management Board and Supervisory Council are clearly aware of the forms of conflict of interest and are informed on the necessary behaviour in case of conflict of interest.

#### Criteria:

- 13.1. The Supervisory Council defines the signs indicating on the conflict of interest, and determines the procedure for prevention and management of conflict of interest.
- 13.2. Members of the Supervisory Council or Management Board do not participate in decision-making on the issues, where interests of the Company conflict with the interests of members of the Supervisory Council, Management Board or persons related to them.
- 13.3. Persons subject to the obligation of prevention of conflict of interest shall regularly participate in trainings on the way of acting in the situations of conflict of interest.

LB complies with this principle. The Company has defined procedure for identification, prevention and management of conflicts of interest. Members of the Supervisory Council or Management Board do not participate in decision-making on the issues, where interests of the Company conflict with the interests of members of the Supervisory Council, Management Board or persons related to them. Trainings for members of the Management Board and Supervisory Council are held periodically; in 2021 such trainings were not planned.

#### **MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Effective involvement of shareholders in decision-making helps to achieve the financial and non-financial targets of the Company as well as provides sustainable operation of the Company.

#### **Principle No.14**

The Company provides information to the shareholders on the course of the Meeting of Shareholders in a timely manner, providing all necessary information for decision-making.

#### Criteria:

- 14.1. The Company informs shareholders in a timely manner regarding the agenda, course of the Meeting of Shareholders and voting procedure, as well as any changes related to that.
- 14.2. At the same time with announcement of the meeting, the Company shall provide a possibility for shareholders to become acquainted with draft decisions, regarding which it was initially planned to vote during the meeting. The Company informs shareholders without delay on additional submitted draft decisions.
- 14.3. The Company provides shareholders with the possibility to submit questions about the issues included in the agenda and draft decisions before the Meeting of Shareholders.
- 14.4. Draft decisions and the enclosed documents provide detailed, clear and complete information on the issue to be discussed.

LB ensures the compliance with this principle. In 2021 one Meeting of Shareholders was held, which was announced in accordance with the procedure and within the time periods determined by legal acts. In 2021 LB disclosed the information in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Instrument Market Law and Regulations of JSC Nasdaq Riga. LB announced the Meeting of Shareholders at least 30 days in advance, at first posting the information in Latvian and English in the Official Mandatory Information Centralized Storage System and website of JSC Nasdaq Riga <a href="www.nasdaqbaltic.com">www.nasdaqbaltic.com</a>, afterwards publishing a notification on convocation of the Meeting of Shareholders on the website of LB <a href="www.lb.lv">www.lb.lv</a> and sending the information to JSC Latvian Central Depository.

LB ensured availability of the authorisation form in the electronic form as well as ensured that the authorisation form is available in the Official Mandatory Information Centralized Storage System and website of JSC Nasdaq Riga <a href="www.nasdaqbaltic.com">www.nasdaqbaltic.com</a> and website of LB <a href="www.lb.lv">www.lb.lv</a> also afterwards when the notification on the Meeting of Shareholders is given.

Decisions proposal of the Meeting of Shareholders were published at least 14 days before the Meeting of Shareholders in Latvian and English in the Official Mandatory Information Centralized Storage System, website of JSC Nasdaq Riga and LB. In addition, LB indicated that shareholders can become acquainted with the draft decisions on the issues to be discussed during the Meeting of Shareholders and recommendations on the issues included in the agenda of the Meeting of Shareholders from 16 September to 29 September 2021, on the working days, sending a request to the e-mail: office @lb.lv.

The Company performs effective involvement of shareholders in decision-making and possibly bigger participation of shareholders during the Meetings of Shareholders.

#### Criteria:

- 15.1. The Meeting of Shareholders is convoked and held at the place and time convenient for shareholders.
- 15.2. The Company ensures the possibility of shareholders to participate in the Meeting of Shareholders remotely.
- 15.3. The Company determines the relevant duration of the Meeting of Shareholders and gives an opportunity to shareholders to provide their opinion during the Meeting of Shareholders and to obtain necessary information for decision making.
- 15.4. The Company announces a new Meeting of Shareholders if it is not possible to discuss the issues included in the agenda of the meeting.
- 15.5. The Company invites the members of the Management Board and Supervisory Council, candidates for members of the Supervisory Council, auditors and internal auditors, as well as other persons to participate in the Meeting of Shareholders in accordance with the issues to be discussed during the meeting.
- 15.6. The Meeting of Shareholders makes decisions in accordance with the previously announced draft decisions.

LB ensures the compliance with this principle. In 2021 the Meeting of Shareholders was held in the premises of the office of LB, at the legal address of LB during the working hours. The place and time of the Meeting of Shareholders did not limit arrival of shareholders for the meeting. In 2021 LB did not change the place and time of the Meeting of Shareholders. Taking into account the Covid-19 pandemic, LB invited the shareholders to participate in the Meeting of Shareholders in writing, filling in the voting form before the meeting which was sent to the shareholders pursuant to request (sending the request to the e-mail: office @lb.lv, starting from 16 September 2021). The voting form was available also on the website of the Company <a href="www.lb.lv">www.lb.lv</a> in the section 'For Investors', in the website of the Official Mandatory Information Centralized Storage System <a href="www.oricgs.lv">www.oricgs.lv</a> and website of the joint stock company Nasdaq Riga <a href="www.nasdaqbaltic.com">www.nasdaqbaltic.com</a>.

Shareholders, who had applied for remote participation in the meeting, received access information to the online meeting via e-mail, specified in the application form. Voting for the issues of the agenda during the Meeting of Shareholders was possible by using electronic communication means on the Microsoft Teams online platform.

Meetings are organized in a way to have access to information both, before the meeting as well as during the meeting, and was explained as per the need. The chair of the meeting elected during the Meetings of Shareholders of LB in accordance with the Commercial Law proposed to determine the procedure (regulation) for discussion of issues of the Meeting of Shareholders and decision making, which was in force only when the Meeting of Shareholders approved it by majority of votes. LB does not limit the rights of shareholders to consult between them during the meeting in case if it is necessary for adoption of any decision or establishment of the issue, as well as to ask questions to the present representatives of LB. Considering the Covid-19 pandemic, in order to protect health of shareholders, employees of the Company and management bodies and their candidates, the members of the management bodies of the Company were recommended to assess the need of their presence during the meeting and its proportionality with provision of public health and public interests in general.

Decisions of the Meetings of Shareholders were published in the website of LB <u>www.lb.lv</u> in the section 'For Investors'.

The Company develops and discusses with shareholders the Dividend Policy.

#### Criteria:

- 16.1. The Company has developed and published updated Dividend policy.
- 16.2. The Dividend Policy is discussed with shareholders during the Meeting of Shareholders.



LB fails to comply with this principle. The Company has not developed the Dividend Policy. In accordance with the Charter of LB, all shares have equal right to receipt of dividends. Distribution of profit is the issue of competence of the Meeting of Shareholders and shareholders vote for it. Distribution of profit was performed in

#### TRANSPARENCY OF THE OPERATION OF THE COMPANY

Transparency of the operation of the Company serves as basis for effective relations with investors and successful communication with shareholders and other stakeholders.

#### **Principle No.17**

The Company regularly and in a timely manner informs shareholders and other stakeholders on the commercial activity, financial results, governance and other topical issues of the Company.

#### Criteria:

- 17.1. The Company discloses complete, accurate, objective, updated and true information in a timely manner.
- 17.2. The Company discloses the information to all shareholders at the same time and in the same scope.
- 17.3. The Company discloses information on the website on corporate governance, strategy or directions of operations and publishes financial statements as well as other information in accordance with Annex No.1.
- 17.4. The Company provides the information both, in Latvian as well as in at least on other language, which is understandable to the majority of the foreign shareholders of the Company and other stakeholders.

LB partially complies with this principle, because the Company has not published completely all documents referred to in Annex No.2 - The most important policies of the Company. LB publishes information in a timely manner on its website <a href="www.lb.lv">www.lb.lv</a>, on the website of the Official Mandatory Information Centralized Storage System <a href="www.oricgs.lv">www.oricgs.lv</a> and website of the joint stock company Nasdag Riga <a href="www.nasdagbaltic.com">www.nasdagbaltic.com</a>.

# Annex No.1: INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMPANY

#### Company:

- Information on the Company its establishment and operations history, registration data, address, description of the industry, key types of commercial activity, position of the Company in the organization chart (if applicable).
- Information on the strategical objectives of the Company.
- Charter of the Company.
- Information on the structure of the corporate governance of the Company (interaction between the Meeting of Shareholders, Supervisory Council, its committees, Management Board, auditor, internal auditor, Audit Committee etc.).
- Code of Internal Culture and Ethical Conduct of the Company.
- The most important policies of the Company in accordance with Annex No.2.

#### **Shareholders and beneficial owners:**

- Information on shareholders of the Company, who own at least 5% of the equity capital of the Company (specifying the date, when the information is prepared).
- Information on beneficial owners of the Company (specifying the date, when the information is prepared).
- Number of issued, paid or entitled to vote shares, bonds or other financial instruments.

#### **Supervisory Council and Management Board:**

- Regulation of the Management Board and Supervisory Council or any other document equal to that.
- Information on every member of the Supervisory Council and Management Board of the Company:
  - period of authority;
  - o office and area of responsibility (if any determined);
  - professional work experience and education;
  - o current information on offices held in other companies:
  - o current information on shares of the Company owned;
  - o statistics on attendance of the meetings of the Supervisory Council.
- Information on independent members of the Supervisory Council:
  - o which members of the Supervisory Council are to be considered independent;
  - according to what criteria the independence of a member of the Supervisory Council is determined;
  - annual assessment of independence of members of the Supervisory Council.
- Remuneration Policy and remuneration report of the Management Board and the Supervisory Council.
- Information on the selection (nomination) process of the Management Board and Supervisory Council.
- Information on the committees of the Supervisory Council and the Audit Committee:
  - o Regulation of the Committee;
  - information on members of committees.

#### Financial and non-financial statements and information:

- Financial statements and reports of the Company for at least the recent 3 financial years:
  - annual reports (including consolidated reports, if any prepared) and auditor's reports (if any prepared);
  - Interim reports and quarterly reports.

- Non-financial statements of the Company (on the impact of the Company on environment, social and personnel aspects, compliance with human rights and anti-corruption measures, including sustainability report) on at least the recent 3 financial years.
- Corporate Governance Statements.
- Financial calendar of the Company or calendar of any other significant and planned communication events.

#### Information to shareholders and investors:

- Information on the planned Meetings of Shareholders:
  - o notifications regarding convocation of Meetings of Shareholders;
  - o draft decisions.
- Information on the held Meetings of Shareholders:
  - Information on the decisions made during the Meetings of Shareholders.
- Dividend Policy of the Company and information on disbursed dividends (for at least the recent 10 years of operation of the Company).
- Information on transactions of related parties.
- Published notifications of the Company and important information for investors, including presentation investors, video recordings from events for investors, forecasts if any were made etc.
- Contacts of the relations specialist of investors (if any).

## Annex No.2: THE MOST IMPORTANT POLICIES OF THE COMPANY

#### The most important policies included in the corporate governance principles or criteria:

- **Risk Management Policy.** For identification, assessment, management and control of potentially negative events, in order to ensure assurance on achievement of strategical objectives of the Company.
- Remuneration Policy. For determination of remuneration on the basis of professional performance, as well as proportionality and compliance with the current economical situation, market practice, amount of remuneration in the field, as well as amounts of remuneration of employees of the Company.
- **Dividend Policy.** For determination of the strategy of the way of acting with profit of the Company, taking into account the short-term and long-term objectives of the Company, financial and market situation, the industry as well as investment plans.

#### Other most important policies mentioned in the Corporate Governance Code:

- **Internal Audit Policy.** For assessment and improvement of efficiency of the internal control, risk management and corporate governance processes.
- **Policy on Prevention of Conflicts of Interest.** For gathering information, management and elimination of situations, which conflict with the personal and professional interests or in case of a conflict between two opposing professional interests.
- **Disclosure, Movement and Confidentiality Policy.** For categorization of information and management of its movement, in order to ensure transparency of operation of the Company.
- Whistleblowing Policy. For timely identification and elimination of risks before a harm is caused to the reputation and shareholders of the Company, establishing environment, when employees can safely report on the established violations.
- Fair Competition Implementation Policy. For provision of free and fair competition in the activity of the Company and in order to eliminate violations of regulatory enactments governing competition.
- **Diversity Policy.** For promotion of inclusive work environment, equal attitude and diversity in the Company.
- **Sustainability Policy.** For provision of value and long-term growth of the Company, implementing financial, environment and social responsibility.

#### **Significant Means of Compliance Policies:**

- **Business Partner Diligence Policy.** For elimination of reputation and safety risks of the Company, upon commencement and continued relations with cooperation partners, when performing information analysis and making risk-based conclusions.
- Sanction Risk Governance Policy. For elimination of violation and avoidance of sanctions determined by the Member States of United Nations, European Union, the Republic of Latvia and in relevant cases also the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, as well as prevention of an attempt to avoid the sanctions.
- **Personal Data Processing Policy.** For compliance with the requirements of personal data protection, determining the procedure for data processing, including when performing data collection, organization, storage, viewing, use, disclosure, erasure, transmission, distribution or otherwise making them available.